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Beam of a Vehicle and a Carrier Element  
that can be Mounted to It  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Prior to the initial review of this non-provisional utility  
patent application entitled "Flange Connection Between a  
Longitudinal Beam of a Vehicle and a Carrier Element that can be  
Mounted to It" by Braun et al., please amend the above-identified  
Patent Application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the entire specification with the attached